

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner indicated that the present application includes claims to the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15, drawn to an interface module, classified in class 361, subclass 737.
- II. Claims 16-21, drawn to an interface of a card reader, classified in class 361, subclass 728.
- III. Claims 22-23, drawn to a mobile terminal, classified in class 361, subclass 730
- IV. Claims 24-28, drawn to a method of making, classifies in class 29, subclass 800+.

In response to the Restriction and Election Requirement by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Applicant provisionally elects for examination of Group I, claims 1-15. The Applicant traverses the restriction requirements as between Groups I, II, III, and IV. In addition, the Applicant amends claims 16 and 22 to be more consistent with the nature of the elected invention.

Without asserting or admitting in any way that the Inventions as identified by the Examiner are not patentably distinct, the Applicant submits that the restriction requirement is improper. The search and examination of the Groups can be made without serious burden. The Examiner must therefore examine the application on the merits. *See* MPEP § 803.01.

Group I is drawn to an interface module, as amended Group II is drawn to a interface module assembly including an interface module, as amended Group III is drawn

to a mobile terminal including an interface module, and Group IV is drawn to a method of making an interface module. The claims of Groups I, II, III, and IV correspond in that they include an interface module for an electronic device. Groups I, II, and III expressly include in the interface module a card with at least a memory, a processor, or a power source, and has a body with a cross-sectional shape other than one bounded by substantially parallel major surfaces.

The Applicant submits that the examination of the four Groups should be performed together, as the search for these claims will all be done concurrently and the effort for the Examiner to examine all of these claims is not unduly burdensome as compared to examining one of the Groups.

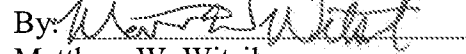
CONCLUSION

As discussed, the search and examination of the claims in the Groups set forth above does not pose a serious burden to the Examiner. In contrast, the cost to the Applicant of pursuing the several Groups is substantial. If the Examiner has any questions about the present Response or anticipates final restriction that rejects the traverses made herein, a telephone interview is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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